

VILLAGE OF BUTLER NEWSLETTER

THE CABOOSE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE INFORMATION

Emergency.....	911
Village Hall	(262) 783-2525
Assessor	(262) 783-2525
Building Inspection	(262) 544-8280
Code Enforcement.....	(262) 783-2525
City Clerk	(262) 783-2525
Economic Development	(262) 783-2525
Court	(262) 781-9790
Engineering R.A. Smith Tim Barbeau.....	(262) 786-1777
Finance/Treasurer	(262) 783-2525
Fire Non-Emergency	(262) 783-2537
Library.....	(262) 783-2535
(Trash Contractor) Waste Management....	(414) 761-2100
Police Non-Emergency	(262) 446-5070
Police Administration	(262) 781-2431
Business Fax	(262) 783-2522
Public Works Inspection	(262) 783-2525
Water Utility	(262) 783-2525

Your Village Board adopted the budget for 2008 at its regular Board Meeting on December 4th. The budget determines the tax rate for the Village of Butler's portion of your tax bill. A considerable amount of time is spent by the Village staff and department heads in preparing components of the budget. I believe that the department budget requests were in line with the concept of providing a high level of municipal services at the lowest cost. The result was an increase in the tax levy of just 1.9% over last year. The vote by the Village Board to pass the budget was unanimous.

The "Refuse Fee", has been removed from the Utility Bills for 2008. In November of 2007, the Board took action to eliminate the \$25/quarter fee which was on all utility bills in 2007. This action will result in a net savings of \$100/year for Butler property owners.

I would like to thank everyone who played a role in this process. It was a job well done.

Richard A. Ensslin
Village President

Economic Development News

You may have noticed three buildings are no longer standing in Butler. The Village Community Development Authority purchased the "old MetCalf Grocery Store" and the "Systec" Building located along Hampton Avenue at 125th Street. The property was demolished by Guelig Waste Removal. The Community Development Authority has been working on redeveloping the site and all indications point to creating a "request for proposals" for the site in early January 2008.

The Evergreen Fuel Stop and Mini-Mart located at 124th and Arden, will be opening in January of 2008. The 7,000 square foot convenience store will offer a variety of grocery items along with modest liquor store. The filling station/convenience store will also have a car wash, diesel fuel pumps and alternative fuels like E85.

In December of 2006, the Community Development Authority sold the site to the South of the railroad tracks on 124th and Ruby to North American Bio-Diesel. Due to the changes in the Bio-Diesel market, the project fell through and the Village is actively marketing the property for "flex-tech" industrial development.

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VILLAGE OF BUTLER ELECTED OFFICIALS**Village President**

Richard Ensslin

Village Board of Trustees

Village Trustee	William Benjamin	Village Trustee	Carol Zuba
Village Trustee	Tim Nelson	Village Trustee	Robert Ward
Village Trustee	Walter Woloszyk	Village Trustee	Teri Stegemeyer

WATER METERS

Water Meters that are located in the home should be kept in a heated area to keep them from freezing. Also, Water Meters outside should also be kept from freezing to avoid problems.

VILLAGE OF BUTLER**KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR!**

It's a good idea to "adopt" the fire hydrant on or near your property by digging away the snow. By keeping the hydrants clear, it only helps the Fire Department if they must respond to your home or business in a fire emergency. They don't need to waste precious time in digging out the hydrant.

REMINDER:

Purchase your Parking Permits for the next quarter - \$22.50 for Street Overnight Parking & \$30.00 for Municipal "South" Lot.

FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK'S DESK**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Next year is the Presidential Election. Many of you may have registered to vote during 2006 or 2007 Elections. For those of you who have not registered to vote, please do so at Village Hall before the Fall Presidential Election or you may have to stand in a very long line in order to vote. If you are not sure if you are registered or not, please call Village Hall on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday at 262-783-2525 from 8 AM – 12 NOON and 1 PM – 5 PM and we will check if your name appears on the Voter Registration List.

VILLAGE OF BUTLER**DOG LICENSES**

State law requires all dogs over the age of 5 months to be licensed. To obtain a license, the dog owner must have proof of rabies immunization, including serum manufacturer, serum serial number and date vaccination was given and will expire. Licenses are now available at the Village Office or the Elm Brook Human Society. The cost is \$7.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$12.00 if not fixed.

If dog licenses are not purchased by March 31, 2008, a \$5.00 late penalty will be due in addition to the \$7.00 or \$12.00 fee. All dog licenses will expire on 12/31/2007.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Winter in Butler!

Although it just seems like we were leaving the snow and ice season, it is already back. So far, this December looks a lot like the winter of 2000, with some snow almost every other day. As drivers, we must be aware that as snow piles upon the corners and in the median, our visibility is decreased. Drive defensively; always assume that someone else is approaching the same intersection that you are. In general, slow down. Not only is visibility sometimes impaired, but often times, the roads are slick, which affects braking abilities.

As pedestrians, we are even more at risk; we deal with slick streets, slick sidewalks and watching out for traffic. Be careful and be observant. Try to wear lighter colors to be more obvious to drivers, particularly during hours of darkness, which at this time of year seem to be 24 hours of each day.

A reminder to residents and businesses. You have a window of 24 hours after the end of a snow fall to have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. Officers will make contact with those that do not comply with this ordinance and may ultimately issue citations. Also, it is against ordinance to plow across any roadway, so if you employ someone to plow your snow, it is your responsibility to make sure this doesn't happen.

Enjoy winter; it only seems to last 11 months!

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Removal from Sidewalks – Within twenty-four (24) hours after the fall of sleet or snow, it shall be the duty of the owners and/or the occupants of any lot or parcel of land in the Village of Butler to remove, or cause to be removed, the snow or sleet from any and all sidewalks and to keep the same free and clear of snow and ice for the full width of the sidewalk.

Also, it is prohibited by Village Ordinance **for anyone to plow or shovel snow onto or across a public right-of-way**. Furthermore, no person, firm or corporation engaged in snow removal operations deposit snow or cause snow to be deposited across the street from the property from which said snow is being taken.

No person, firm or corporation shall place snow, allow snow to be placed or cause snow to be placed to a height greater than thirty inches (30") above a place through the mean curb or street grade within the triangular space formed by any two (2) existing or proposed intersecting street or alley right-of-way lines and a line joining points on such lines, located a minimum of ten feet (10') from their intersection.

Penalty – If any person, firm or corporation who violates the provisions of the above regarding Snow and Ice Removal shall be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-6 of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Butler.

First Offense - \$25.00 - \$500.00

Second Offense - \$50.00 - \$1,000

LIBRARY NEWS

Library users and staff are getting excited about the March 15th, 2008 groundbreaking for the new Library!

- We continue to add new services, such as music, CDs and DVDs
 - Our children's collection has grown, with many new and exciting books to read with your children, to your children, or be read by your children
 - Local teens are reading the latest in young adult fiction and award winning authors, recently completing a "Teen Read Week" contest
 - Various story times were scheduled, and a special K-9 Program
 - The Friday evening adult book club continues to draw enthusiastic readers
 - Adults continue to borrow hot new fiction bestsellers and the latest in interesting non-fiction
 - 2007 saw the publication of a great variety of adult books, so with winter settling in, come see what's new and take some materials home for those long winter evenings!
 - Put on the popcorn and watch some fun family DVDs or nostalgic older videos, many of which are new to your children
- Our magazine collection grew this year and features a collection of new and interesting titles for not only adults, but kids as well

So here's the big question: what have you enjoyed lately at your local library

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Books – DVDs – CDs – Videos – magazines – story times – book club internet access – running into friends at the Library

Did YOU get your copy of the Friends of Butler Library's COOKBOOK? (\$12)

Did you get a copy of the great **Legacy** CD? (\$15)

We're waiting to see YOU at the Library!

Butler Library Fall/Winter Hours

*Monday – Thursday: 12:00 Noon to
8:00 PM*

Friday: Noon to 6:00 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

262-783-2535

**[http://www.wcfls.lib.wi.us/
butler/](http://www.wcfls.lib.wi.us/butler/)**

12621 W. Hampton Avenue, Butler

**Book drop located outside the
Police Station**

SNOW EMERGENCY

In the event of a snow emergency, stay tuned to local television or radio stations for closings. During a snow emergency, there is **NO** street parking in the Village. Off-street parking is available in the parking lot by the Lion's Clubhouse and the South metered parking lot. Confirm with the Village Hall or Police Department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Now that winter has come upon us, there are some key points to make sure everyone has safe holidays and a winter season.

Buried Fire Hydrants: Water hydrants need to be accessible and visible during the winter months. Please remove snow from around a hydrant in case of an emergency.

CO Detectors: With the increase use of furnaces during the winter months, it is the Fire Departments recommendation to purchase a CO Detector. Carbon Monoxide is odorless, colorless and tasteless. Carbon Monoxide is known as the silent killer, because it is undetectable to the average person until you find yourself with flu like symptoms. These detectors can be purchased at any hardware store and should be placed in hallways near sleeping areas. If residents suspect symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning, evacuate the residence, do not open any doors or windows and go to a neighbors and dial 911.

Stoves and Appliances: Do not use stoves or other appliances for a heat source. Using these appliances as a heat source can lead to multiple types of emergencies including fires and burns.

Extension Cords: When using extension cords make sure you don't run them under carpet do to the heating up and causing a fire. Do not overload electrical circuits. When using extension cords make sure you use them in conjunction with a surge protector.

The Butler Fire Department would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and safe new year.

Lt Scott Schlenner

Butler Fire Department

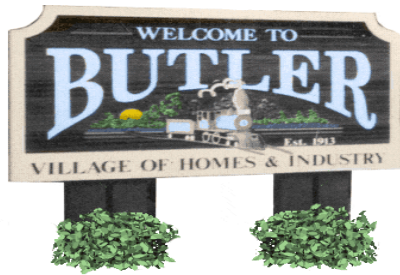
UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR 2008

February 19, 2008 Spring Primary (If Needed) 7 AM – 8 PM

April 1, 2008 Spring Election 7 AM – 8 PM

September 9, 2008 Partisan Primary 7 AM – 8 PM

November 4, 2008 General Election 7 AM – 8 PM



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RECYCLING UPDATE

DNR Recycling Web Site Enhanced

Looking for information on Wisconsin's recycling program? Trying to find a market for your recyclables?

Need some education resources or technical assistance? It's all on the Web, on DNR's recycling web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/>

Just about everything you need to know about recycling in Wisconsin can be found under some of the following headings:

- Recycling Quick Reference
- Recycling Law
- Recycling Contacts
- Local County Contacts
- Annual Recycling and Landfill Reports Recycling Studies
- Material Banned from Disposal in Wisconsin
- Facts & Figures
- Who can tell me how and what to recycle?

The "Recycling Quick Reference" is the newest addition to our site. In talking with people throughout the state, we learned that people are interested in having easy access to recycling basics. This site offers answers to the "what", "when" and "how" questions, such as:

Waukesha County Senior Services

Please contact Waukesha County Department of Senior Services at (262) 548-7828 for information on the services provided in Waukesha County. Also, the Village Hall has the following brochures and literature (as well as other materials) available in the office:

Senior Connection
Share Program
Volunteer Services
Senior Dining
Caring for the Caregiver
A Good Day Begins
A Directory of Useful Information
Developing your Caregiving Team

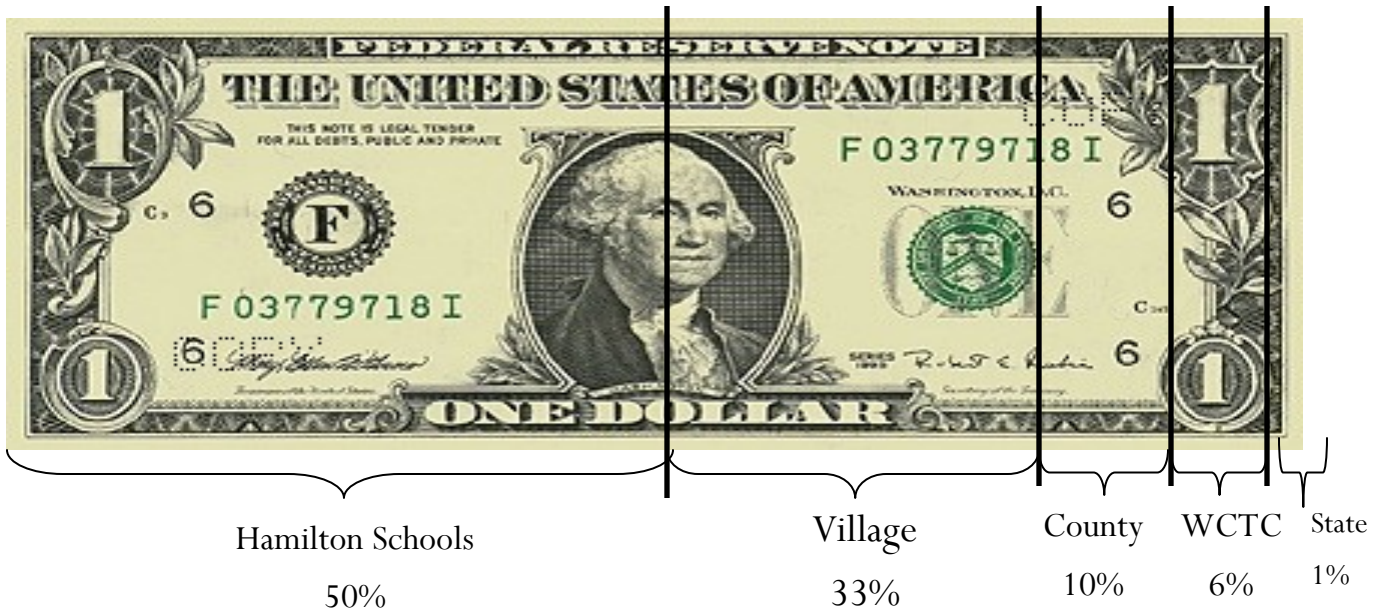
Please feel free to stop in anytime and help yourself to any of the free publications, brochures, literature, etc. that we have in the office.

2008 Village of Butler Budget

The Village Board approved the 2008 budget on December 4, 2007. Tax bills were mailed the second week in December.

The Village will collect your tax payments until January 31, 2008. After that date, you should make payments at Waukesha County.

Where does your property tax money go?



This \$1 bill represents the allocation of each taxing authority on your property tax bill. This representation is only for the property owners in the Hamilton School District. The Menomonee Falls School district has a slightly higher tax rate for the Village residents in that district.

2008 General Fund Expenditure is \$1,988,136 which is \$26,918 or a 1.91% increase over 2007. The State of Wisconsin created an expenditure cap of 3.89% for Municipalities, however, the Village Board only increased half of the cap.

Your portion of the property tax bill that goes to the Village is primarily spent on the General Fund which is comprised of Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation, Conservation/Development and General Government. Debt Services and Capital Projects are also funded by property taxes. In the 2008 Budget, 66% of the General Fund comes from property tax. The rest is collected from fees, investments, grants, charges for services and state aid.

